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MOVE TO CAP MED COLLEGE FEES WILL BENEFIT POOR: PM

The Centre recently said 50% seats in private medical colleges will be charged at par with government colleges

APPLICABLE TO GOVT QUOTA SEATS

"A few days back, the government has taken another big decision, which will benefit the poor and middle class children," Modi said, referring to the decision. The new fee structure will be applicable to those who have secured admission under the government quota. If the government quota is less than 50%, it will be offered to students on the basis of merit

EFFECTIVE FROM NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

- The new fees structure will come into effect from the next academic session, the National Medical Commission said
- The announcement comes as the conflict in Ukraine has put a spotlight on Indians flying abroad for medical studies, unable to bear the high cost of medical education in India

₹2,500 cr

TOTAL EXPECTED SAVING FOR STUDENTS ANNUALLY, SAYS PM

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India's biggest edu conclave begins today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

WITH the 10th edition of ThinkEdu beginning on Tuesday, a host of stalwarts of India's academic, economic and political ecosystems will come together to share their views on a range of topics.

The event, which will be inaugurated by Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu, will feature 50 speakers over nearly 30 sessions on March 8 and 9, shedding light on the evolution of India's education system and the path it is on. Delhi's Deputy CM Manish Sisodia, and TN Higher Education Minister Dr K Ponmudy are among the key speakers on Day 1. The sessions will be viewed by a live audience, in addition to the 2,750 registered users on the Conclave's digital space. **P5**

JAB COMETH TAKE YOUR SHOT

March 6 **4,80,144 doses**
March 7 **18,24,967 doses**
TOTAL: 1,70,00,20,000

NATIONWIDE	MAR 6	MAR 7	KARNATAKA	MAR 6	MAR 7
Fresh cases	5,476	4,362	Fresh cases	229	155
Recoveries	9,754	9,620	Recoveries	264	349
Deaths	158	66	Deaths	1	5

EXIT POLL

U.P. RELIEF FOR BJP

Most surveys have predicted a win for the saffron party in the crucial Uttar Pradesh, while the Aam Aadmi Party is tipped to rule Punjab | **P10**

UTTAR PRADESH (403 SEATS)

Survey	BJP	SP	BSP	Cong	Oth
Republic P- MARQ	240	140	17	4	2
Peoples Pulse	220-240	140-160	12-18	6-10	8-12
India Today-Axis	288-326	71-101	3-9	1-3	-
CNN News 18 Matrize	262-277	119-134	7-15	3-8	-
Today's Chanakya	294	105	2	-	-
ABP C- Voter	228-244	132-148	13-21	4-8	-
Poll of polls	263	125	11	4	6

PUNJAB (117 SEATS)

Survey	AAP	Cong	SAD	BJP	Oth
Republic P- MARQ	62-70	23-31	16-24	1-3	1-3
Peoples Pulse	59-66	23-28	17-21	2-6	1-4
India Today-Axis	76-90	19-31	7-11	1-4	-
Today's Chanakya	100	10	6	1	-
ABP-C- Voter	51-61	22-28	20-26	7-13	-
Poll of polls	74	17	15	10	6

UTTARAKHAND (70 SEATS)

Survey	BJP	Cong	AAP	Oth
Republic P- MARQ	29-34	33-37	1-3	1-3
Peoples Pulse	30-35	32-37	0-1	0-1
India Today Axis	36-46	20-30	0	4-9
CNN News 18- Matrize	29-34	33-38	0	1-3
Today's Chanakya	43	24	0	3
ABP C-Voter	26-32	32-38	0-2	3-7
Poll of polls	35	32	1	4

ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS 2022 DECIDE

MANIPUR (60 SEATS)

Survey	BJP	Cong	NPP-NPF	Oth
Axis My India	33-43	4-8	4-8	6-15
Peoples Pulse	25-29	17-21	10-16	2-4
Republic P- MARQ	27-31	11-17	-	11-23
ZEE- Designboxed	32-38	12-17	2-5	3-5
Poll of polls	32	14	10	7

GOA (40 SEATS)

Survey	BJP	Cong	MGP+TMC	AAP	Oth
Republic P- MARQ	13-17	13-17	2-4	2-6	0-4
India Today Axis My India	14-18	15-20	2-5	0	0-4
India Tv- Ground Zero Research	10-14	20-25	3-5	0-1	1-3
Times Now - VETO	14	16	-	4	6
ABPMajha C-Voter	13-17	12-16	4-9	-	1-7
Poll of polls	14	15	4	3	3

Modi calls for direct talks between Putin, Zelenskyy

Urges the two leaders to urgently provide safe passage to Indians

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

WITH time running out for the Indian students still stranded in Sumy, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday called up the leaders of both Russia and Ukraine, seeking their support for their urgent evacuation. He urged the two warring presidents to pick the phone and talk to each other so that a humanitarian corridor can be set up to bring civilians out of conflict zones safely.

Putin assured Modi that his troops are doing everything possible to evacuate the stranded Indians. The conversation, which lasted about 50 minutes, was Modi's third with Putin since the conflict began.

Ukrainian leader Volodymyr Zelenskyy informed Modi of the ground situation and the difficulites his troops are facing due to incessant shelling.

Meanwhile, India's efforts to safely evacuate the students from Sumy was dealt a blow on Monday with Kyiv rejecting Moscow's proposal to provide escape routes for civilians from Sumy and other Ukrainian cities, as these routes go through Russia and Belarus.

Injured Indian student Harjot Singh arrives at the Hindon Airport | PTI

Third round of talks

Russian and Ukrainian officials sat down on Monday night for a third round of talks on the conflict at the Belarus-Poland border. Among other things, the talks will focus on creating a humanitarian corridor for civilians

Oil prices touch $139

Oil prices hit a record high on Monday as the US said it was weighing an embargo on crude from Russian. The benchmark Brent North Sea crude oil soared to a near 14-year high of $139.13 before cooling to $121.54

Kyiv rejects safe corridor

Russia announced a ceasefire in several areas from Monday to allow civilians to leave the conflict zones. Meanwhile, many trying to flee Mariupol through humanitarian corridors were stranded as the route was bombed

Civilian toll hits 406

At least 406 civilians have been killed since the beginning of the Russian invasion, according to the UN human rights office. It said that another 801 injured civilians had been confirmed as of midnight Sunday

"The humanitarian corridors out of Kyiv, Kharkiv, Mariupol and Sumy — that lead to Russia and Belarus are immoral'," Ukraine's deputy PM Iryna Vereshchuk said.

India was considering evacuating the students via Russia, whose border is just 60 km away from Sumy. Russia had agreed to send 103 buses to its border to pick up Indians and drop them at airports.

India is continuing to evacuate its citizens from Ukraine's neighbouring countries. On Monday, 1,314 people were airlifted by seven flights, the civil aviation ministry said.

According to the UN, 1.7 million have fled Ukraine since the conflict began. **P9, 11, 12**

Govt to police stations: Survey overstaying foreigners

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

POLICE stations in the state have been directed to survey foreigners staying illegally in their jurisdictions and submit a report to the government within a month.

"We are concerned about foreigners staying illegally in the state getting involved in criminal activities, including drug peddling. Police stations will have to complete the survey within a month. Jurisdictional officers will be held responsible for any lapses," Home Minister Araga Jnanendra told the Council in response to BJP MLC A Narayanaswamy's question on action taken against those staying illegally. **P4**

EXPRESS READ

Chlorine gas leak: Over 40 fall ill in Mysuru

Mysuru: Panic gripped Railway Quarters and neighbouring areas in Mysuru city after over 40 people, including school students, fell ill after inhaling chlorine fumes allegedly leaking from Vani Vilas Water Works on KRS Road on Monday. **P5**

EVENT XPRESS

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50 STAR SPEAKERS | 30 SPARKLING SESSIONS | 15 INTENSE HOURS

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TODAY'S PROGRAMME

10.30 am - 10.45 am
Welcome Song
Saraswati Vandana
JA Jayant and Ragavan Manian, Musicians

10.45 am
Vice-President arrives.
National Anthem and lighting of the lamp follows

10.50 am
Welcome Address
Prabhu Chawla, Editorial Director, The New Indian Express

11.00 am - 11.30 am
Overall theme: ThinkEdu2022: Remaking India, Asserting Bharat
M Venkaiah Naidu, Vice-President of India

11.35 am
National Anthem

11.40 am - 12.10 pm
The Chinese Model: Can India Catch Up?
Subramanian Swamy, Member of Parliament
Chair: Prabhu Chawla

12.10 am - 12.45 pm
Hinduism or Hindutva: Education and the Civilisational Debawte
Shashi Tharoor, Member of Parliament
Chair: Kaveree Bamzai, Author and Senior Journalist

12.45 pm - 1.15 pm
Keynote address
National Education Policy: View from the State
Manish Sisodia, Deputy Chief Minister, Delhi
Chair: Prabhu Chawla, Editorial Director, The New Indian Express

1.15 pm - 1.35 pm
Not a NEET India: Respecting Regional Needs
Dr K Ponmudy, Higher Education Minister, Tamil Nadu
Chair: Kaveree Bamzai

1.35 pm - 1.55 pm
Keynote address
Research, Innovation, Invention: Cultivating a scientific temper
Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Science and Technology, Government of India
Chair: S Vaidhyasubramaniam, VC, SASTRA Deemed-to-be University

2.55 pm - 3.35 pm
Educating Indians for the next century: How do we do it?
M Jagadesh Kumar, Chairman, UGC
Chair: Dr S Vaidhyasubramaniam

3.35 pm - 4.10 pm
Higher Education for Aspiring India: What do we need to change?
Dr Ashwathnarayan CN, Minister of Higher Education; Electronics et al, Karnataka
Chair: Kaveree Bamzai

4.10 pm - 4.50 pm
Diversity in Action: Making Education Inclusive
Sudhanshu Trivedi, Rajya Sabha MP and National Spokesperson, BJP
Saravanan Annadurai, Spokesperson, DMK
Prof Gourav Vallabh, Spokesperson, INC
Chair: Kaveree Bamzai

4.50 pm - 5.30 pm
Reengineering Education: Lessons from the IITs
Prof TG Sitharam, Director, IIT Guwahati
Prof TA Gonsalves, Former Director, IIT Mandi
Bhaskar Ramamurthi, Former Director, IIT Madras
Chair: Kaveree Bamzai

5.30 pm- 6 pm
Women in Cinema: New Beginnings
Radikaa Sarathkumar, Actor
Shraddha Srinath, Actor
Chair: Kaveree Bamzai

6.00 pm - 6.30 pm
Pursuit of Happiness: The Indian Way
Gaur Gopal Das, Monk
Chair: Kaveree Bamzai

Scan the QR code to pay online and participate in the physical event. On-spot paid registrations (₹1000/- per day) are open on a first come first serve basis at the venue.